(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to keep the States within their own borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The Governments of Assam and Nagaland have been requested to suggest and agreed person to be appointed to go into all aspects of the border dispute between the two States, together with agreed terms of reference.

A Tripartite Committee consisting of representatives of Survey of India, Government of Assam and Government of Arunachal Pradesh was set up by the Government of India to consider the question of demarcation of boundary between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The Survey of India are undertaking the task of erecting pillars in certain areas. The two State Governments are in touch with each other regarding the boundary problem.

The Governments of Assam and Meghalaya have constituted a Committee of Experts headed by Shri Y.V. Chandrachud, formerly the Chief Justice of India by mutual agreement, to consider the question of interpretation of the constitutional boundary between the two States.

Environment protection councils

1612. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments have been advised to set up Environment Protection Councils with the task of promoting general awareness on the protection of environment;

(b) if so, how many State Governments have complied with the advice so far; and

(c) what are the other functions of the said Councils?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two States have constituted the Councils. Five States have informed of their willingness to constitute the Councils.

(c) (i) Review work relating to environment undertaken in State by Government and Non-Governmental Organisation.

(ii) Advise the State Government on environmental issues of the State.

(iii) Identify areas requiring investigation, research and restoration in the field of environment.

Delhi as Air Pollution Control Area

1613. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to declare the Union Territory of Delhi as "Air Pollution Control Area";

(b) if so, whether Government have identified major air pollutants in Delhi and if so, the measures taken to check them effectively;

(c) whether Government are aware of the perfectly feasible technical methods of controlling pollution from thermal power plants and if so, what steps have been taken against Indraprastha power station for causing high level of pollution; and

(d) whether Government are considering to amend the Motor Vehicles Act to enforce automobile emission standards and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The measures taken include the following:

(i) Ambient air quality standards have been laid down;

(ii) Emission limits for major air polluting industries have been prescribed;